

I hereby certify that the above or attached is a true and correct copy of Resolution # 14X-02 passed by The Council of The City of Columbus, Ohio 2-4-2002 as shown by the records now on file in this office.

Seal Timothy McGinnis  
City Clerk

COMMITTEE		COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL		I Certify Compliance with Title 39	
INTRODUCED BY RICHARD SENSENBRENNER		ORIGINAL		As of (Date) _____	
DATE OF FIRST READING FEB 04 2002		Ordinance No. _____ Resolution No. <u>014X-02</u>		Authorized Signature _____	
		30 Day _____ Emergency _____		CITY ATTORNEY: This ordinance has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office as to its form and legality only.	
		FLOOR ACTION (Clerk's Office Only) FEB 04 2002 A (50-1) <u>Boyer Absent</u> <u>Mertel Abstain</u>		AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE I hereby certify that there is in the treasury, or anticipated to come into the treasury, and not appropriated for any other purpose, the amount of money specified hereon, to pay the within ordinance. Date: _____ No.: _____ Fid. No. _____ Div. No. _____ Ch. _____ By: _____ Amt: _____ City Auditor or Deputy Auditor _____	
EXPLANATION OF LEGISLATION					

Contact: For Questions - Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
On this Legislation \_\_\_\_\_

Approved (Division Head) \_\_\_\_\_

Approved (Department Head) \_\_\_\_\_

(S.L.S.)

TITLE (BRIEF DESCRIPTION)

To urge the Environmental Protection Agency to incorporate the **Columbus Metropolitan Facilities Plan Update** into all relevant Section 208 area-wide waste treatment plans and to amend the Ohio Water Quality Management Plan to reflect this incorporation.

Timothy McGinnis 2/5/2  
SIGNED DATE

COUNCIL ACTION  
FEB 04 2002  
DATE PASSED/ADOPTED

William D. Clark  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

VETO

DATE

Timothy McGinnis  
CITY CLERK

**WHEREAS**, the *Columbus Metropolitan Facilities Plan Update* addresses regional wastewater management needs through 2020 for the urban and suburban Columbus Metropolitan Facilities Planning Area (MFPA), and has a goal of protecting our water quality while meeting the demands of regional growth; and,

**WHEREAS**, the draft Blacklick Creek Urban Waste Treatment Management Plan released by the Ohio EPA on December 7, 2001, permits the use of alternative waste water systems within the MFPA in direct conflict with the Columbus Metropolitan Facilities Plan which recommends prohibition of alternative systems with the MFPA; and,

**WHEREAS**, extensive public funds and time were expended over a 2 year period to update the Columbus Plan, including seeking the input of stakeholders throughout Franklin County and receiving the support of 15 municipalities representing over 80% of the population of the MFPA, the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), and the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce; and,

**WHEREAS**, the existing centralized sewer systems have the capacity to treat wastewater throughout the area with an area-wide waste treatment management that has been recognized by Congress under the terms of the Clean Water Act to be the environmentally superior method of wastewater treatment; and,

**WHEREAS**, alternative wastewater treatment systems, which dispose of treated wastewater by a method other than a direct discharge to surface water under the authority of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit, impede the orderly development of the existing centralized sewer systems, and undermine the revenue base that supports the present central system; and,

**WHEREAS**, alternative wastewater treatment systems are not environmentally suited to much of the land inside the MFPA and are not regulated by the Ohio EPA other than the initial Permit to Install; and,

**WHEREAS**, alternative wastewater treatment systems are inappropriate to urban areas and could promote the rapid conversion of remaining rural and agricultural land into unincorporated subdivisions at suburban densities, a practice in direct contrast to over 40 years of proven shared growth and planning among the municipalities of Franklin County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the future environmental quality of Central Ohio will be directly impacted by the Ohio EPA's decision in this area;

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, charged with the responsibility of protecting the environment and following the provision of the Clean Water Act, is strongly urged to support the planning decisions made by the overwhelming majority of jurisdictions that united collaboratively to develop this consensus; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**Section 1.** That we do hereby urge the EPA to incorporate the *Columbus Metropolitan Facilities Plan Update (November 2000)* into all relevant section 208 area-wide waste management plans, including the amendment of the draft Blacklick Creek Urban Waste Treatment Management Plan released December 7, 2001, to reflect this incorporation; and,

**Section 2.** That the City Clerk of this Council be directed to forward duly certified copies of this Resolution to Governor Bob Taft, Ohio EPA Director Christopher Jones, and to the Ohio State Senate and Ohio House of Representatives members representing Central Ohio.